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Thomas Taylor's

Solemn Declaration

To Clear himself from that Wicked Aspersi^on of being a *Jesuit*, and from *Popery*, &c.

I *Thomas Taylor* do in the Presence of Almighty God, Solemnly
“Profess, and in good Conscience Declare, It is my Real
“Judgment, That the Church of *Rome* is not the Church of
“*Christ*, nor the Pope or Bishop of *Rome* *Christ*’s Vicar, and that
“his or her Doctrines of deposing Heretical Princes, and absol-
“ving their Subjects of their Obedience, of Purgatory and Prayers
“for the Dead, of Indulgencies and Worshipping of Images, of
“Adoring and Praying to the Virgin *Mary*, and other Saints De-
“ceased; and of Transubstantiation or Changing the Elements
“of Bread and Wine into the Body and Blood of *Christ*, at or
“after the Consecration thereof by any Person whatsoever: Are
“False, Erroneous, and Contrary to the Truth of God declared
“in the Holy Scriptures. And therefore the Communion of the
“said Church is Superstitious and Idolatrous.

“And I do likewise Sincerely Testifie and Declare, That I do,
“from the bottom of my Heart, Detest and Abhor all Plots and
“Conspiracies, that are or may be Contrived against the King,
“Parliament, or People of this Realm. And I do hereby Faith-
“fully Promise, with God’s help, to Live a Sober and Peaceable
“Life, as becometh a good Christian and Protestant to do. And
“all this I do Acknowledge, Intend, Declare and Subscribe, with-
“out any Equivocation, or Mental Reservation, according to the
“True Plainness, Simplicity, and usual Signification of the words.

Safford the 7th of the
4th Month, 1679.

Witness my Hand

Thomas Taylor.

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Dear George Whitehead,

THY Labour of Love in this present Business of mine, and the Truths, is kindly Received, and the Reward rests with thee in thy own Bosom, where our Heavenly Father abundantly Answers and Satisfies his Children in and for all their Services for his Names sake; So be it.

I have here enclosed, sent, subscribed my Testimony (as Friends have given) against Popery, to shew as need is, in the Lords Power and Patience I shall overcome all; for so from the beginning has been our Victory; having done what, in the Light, the Lord hath given us to see to be our Duty; to leave all to him whom both the Winds and Seas Obey. In whose Dear Peace, with Tender Love to thee, thy Wife and all Friends, with Prayers to the Lord for his Presence and Assistance with you in all your Holy Affairs at this and all times, with his Protection over you, Rests

Stafford, the 7th of the
4th Month, 1679.

Thine Dearly in Christ Jesus

Thomas Taylor.

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